NRT M-factor delivery document 02 Jun 2008

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1 Content

This document describes the m-factor dataset, produced by ife/Bremen according to m-factor tech-note [1]. M-factors for the calibration light path (M_CAL), the limb light path (M_DL) and the nadir light path (M_DN) to the science detectors are included. All other m-factors are set to the default value of 1.0, i. e. have no effect. The m-factors are delivered as auxiliary files as defined in the SCIAMACHY IODD [2]. M-factor version is 06.01.

This document describes a delivery within the near real time (NRT) setup of the Envisat ground segment. A delivery is foreseen every 7 days, it contains the calculated data for the past 7 days (including the current day) and an extrapolation for the next 7 days. In nominal case, the extrapolated m-factors will not be used. They are available in case of an early start of the level 1–2 processing or an delay in the m-factor delivery. The current package contains m-factors for:

- Calculated: 27 May 2008–02 Jun 2008
- Prediction: 03 Jun 2008– 09 Jun 2008

Note: If there is no appropriate monitoring measurement for the delivery day available at the time of calculation, also the nominal calculated m-factors may contain predicted values. Especially for M_DN this will be the case, as the corresponding measurement is performed only every 3 days.

2 Delivered files

Table 1 gives the MD5 sums (md5 text mode) [3] and the names of the delivered m-factor files.

Table 2 gives information, how the file content is calculated: Based on actual measurements (*meas.*), an interpolated m-factor (*interp.*) or a predicted, i.e. extrapolated m-factor value (*pred.*) for three light paths.

Table 1: MD5 sum and filename of the delivered m-factor files.

Table 2: Source information for the individual m-factors of the delivery set.

validity identifier	M_CAL	M_DL	M_DN
20080527_193711_20080529_193711	meas.	meas.	meas.
20080528_190534_20080530_190534	meas.	meas.	interp.
20080529_183357_20080531_183357	meas.	meas.	interp.
20080530_194256_20080601_194256	meas.	meas.	interp.
20080531_191119_20080602_191119	meas.	meas.	meas.
20080601_183942_20080603_183942	meas.	meas.	pred.
20080602_194841_20080604_194841	pred.	pred.	pred.
20080603_191704_20080605_191704	pred.	pred.	pred.
20080604_184527_20080606_184527	pred.	pred.	pred.
20080605_181350_20080607_181350	pred.	pred.	pred.
20080606_192249_20080608_192249	pred.	pred.	pred.
20080607_185112_20080609_185112	pred.	pred.	pred.
20080608_181935_20080610_181935	pred.	pred.	pred.
20080609_192834_20080707_192834	pred.	pred.	pred.

3 Content check

M-factors describe the degradation of the instrument and are used to compensate for it in the radiometric calibration. Fast changes with time are not expected, i.e. the ratio $M_{ratio,t}$ of m-factors M_t this delivery to the m-factor M_{t_0} of the previous delivery day should be close to 1. The ratio $M_{ratio,t}$ and its reciprocal value should not exceed a

Table 3: Detector pixels used for the calculations described in this document. SCIA-MACHY has 8 channels with 1024 pixels per channel. The pixel range is given as the first and last pixel in each channel. For channel 2, the pixel number is given in wavelength order, i.e. the pixel numbers are already reversed.

channel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
pixel range	$\begin{array}{c} 197 \\ 784 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1140 \\ 1859 \end{array}$	$2131 \\ 2943$	$3117 \\ 3925$	$\begin{array}{c} 4151 \\ 4863 \end{array}$	$5226 \\ 5914$	$6154 \\ 7157$	

	Table 4: Content check results.									
	max. rat	io (ch. 6/	7: median)	mean ratio						
	$M_{-}CAL$	$M_{-}DL$	M_DN	$M_{-}CAL$	$M_{-}DL$	M_DN	limit	status		
1	1.0057	1.0101	1.0140	1.0012	1.0030	1.0049	1.0400	OK		
2	1.0016	1.0039	1.0062	1.0007	1.0012	1.0022	1.0200	OK		
3	1.0009	1.0020	1.0020	1.0003	1.0004	1.0004	1.0100	OK		
4	1.0008	1.0007	1.0006	1.0002	1.0002	0.9999	1.0100	OK		
5	1.0009	1.0016	1.0007	1.0001	0.9992	1.0000	1.0120	OK		
6	1.0018	1.0023	1.0008	1.0007	0.9989	0.9999	1.0100	OK		
$\overline{7}$	1.0008	0.9997	0.9994	_	_	_	1.0070	OK		
8	1.0013	1.0003	1.0003	_	—	—	1.0120	OK		

certain limit l:

$$M_{ratio,t} = \frac{M_t}{M_{t_0}}$$
 with $M_{ratio,i} < l$ and $\frac{1}{M_{ratio,i}} < l$ (1)

This limit is defined for each channel. The limits are derived from a time-series of deliveries simulated for 2007 [1]. For channel 1 to 6, each individual pixel for each dataset has to meet the criteria. Channel 7 and 8 are the infrared detectors with a varying number of bad or dead pixels with unpredictable behavior. A criterion for each pixel is not applicable, therefore a median over the channel is used as $M_{ratio,t}$ and has to meet the criteria. Blind pixels, the overlap regions and channel 6+ are excluded from the calculations, see table 3.

The previous delivery day t_0 is 26 May 2008, therefore M_{t_0} is taken from the m-factor file SCI_MF1_AXNIFE20080526_215354_20080526_182812_20080528_182812_.

Table 4 summarizes the results for this delivery. Also the settings for the limit are given. For information only, also the mean ratio is given. OK in the last column means, that the criteria is fulfilled for the channel.

This delivery is within all limits and can be used.

4 Visualization of content check

Figure 1 shows the ratio $M_{ratio,t}$ for all delivered m-factors for each channel. The grey boxes visualize the maximum ratio allowed.

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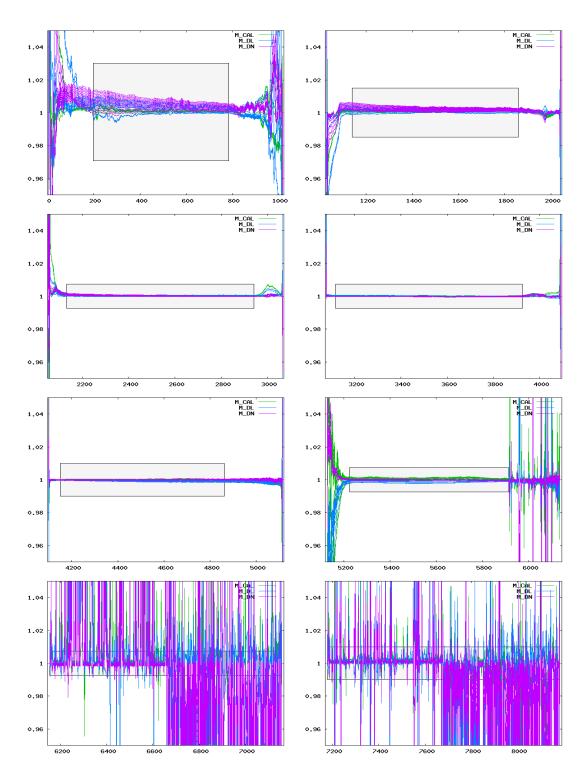


Figure 1: Ratio of delivered m-factors (27 May 2008– 09 Jun 2008) to the corresponding m-factor of the previous delivery day (26 May 2008). The grey boxes visualize the maximum ratio allowed.